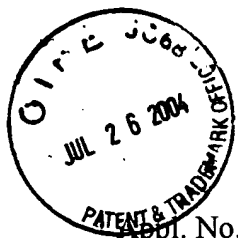


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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed information and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

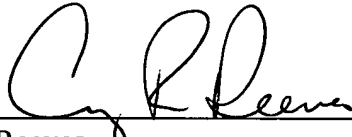
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